

## PATENT

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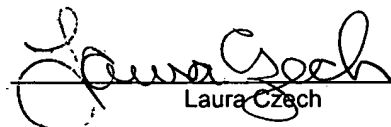
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 29, 2005 in the above-identified application. No fees are believed to be due and owing with the filing of this paper. However, in the event that any fees are required as a result of the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 23-0785 any such fees.